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Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 2002/1 of 15 July 2002, 2003/1 of 31 January 2003, 2003/53 of 24 July 2003, 2004/1 of 3 May 2004, 2004/59, 2004/61 of 23 July 2004 and 2005/2 of 1 March 2005 and its decision 2002/304 of 25 October 2002,

Welcoming the efforts of Guinea-Bissau to consolidate democracy and further deepen transparency and good governance,

Recognizing the link between political stability and economic and social development in Guinea-Bissau,

Welcoming the successful holding of the first round of Presidential elections on 19 June 2005 and looking forward to the continuing peaceful electoral process leading up to and including the second round of elections scheduled for 24 July 2005,

Welcoming also the positive and constructive role of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau in supporting the country to pursue its pressing short and long-term development objectives,

Further welcoming the efforts undertaken by the Secretary-General and by his Special Envoy, former Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano, to assist all relevant actors in Guinea-Bissau to reach a peaceful conclusion of the transitional process in the country,

Recognizing the role played by partners of Guinea-Bissau in helping the country to return to constitutional order,

* On behalf of States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

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1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau,[1] in particular of the indicative timetable for the completion of the remaining tasks contained therein;

2. *Expresses appreciation* to those countries that have provided technical and financial support for the holding of Presidential elections;

3. *Expresses further appreciation* to those countries and organizations which have shown flexibility in providing budget support to Guinea-Bissau to meet its emergency needs, including through the Emergency Economic Management Fund, and calls on donors to continue to provide budgetary support to assist Guinea-Bissau in meeting the effective functioning of the State, and in that connection welcomes the decision of the United Nations Development Programme to extend the duration of the Fund until the end of 2005;

4. *Reiterates* the need for continued support to the efforts related to the planning and implementation of military sector reform, in line with the recommendation contained in Security Council resolution 1580 (2004) of 22 December 2004, and in that regard expresses appreciation to those countries and organizations which have provided technical and financial support, including through the United Nations Development Programme, for the definition and implementation of military sector reform;

5. *Welcomes* the plan by the United Nations country team to design a transitional strategy for the country, and urges all other partners to contribute to the implementation of the quick-impact micro-projects envisaged therein;

6. *Calls* on all participants at the meeting of Guinea-Bissau's partners held in Lisbon on 11 February 2005 to fulfil their commitments and to strongly support the donor round table conference scheduled to be held in the last quarter of 2005, and in that regard encourages all traditional and non-traditional partners, in preparation for the conference, to identify lead donors for various sectors in an effort to coordinate assistance;

7. *Calls also* on the United Nations system, in collaboration with the Bretton Woods institutions and other multilateral and bilateral donors, to assist Guinea-Bissau in designing and implementing a comprehensive technical assistance plan that focuses on national priority areas, particularly on public administration and the health and education sectors;

8. *Calls* on the international community to find ways to support Guinea-Bissau in strengthening civil society organizations;

9. *Urges* the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Common Fund for Commodities and other relevant agencies to assist Guinea-Bissau in formulating and implementing a comprehensive economic diversification strategy;

10. *Notes* that the experience of the ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflicts should be taken into account in the broader context of ongoing discussions within the United Nations on the establishment of a peacebuilding commission;

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[1] E/2005/70.

11. *Decides*, on the basis of the indicative timetable for the completion of the remaining tasks, to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau until its substantive session of 2006.